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SUBJ PROCEDURES FOR BOAT REFUGEES

REF A. STATE 169811 B. BVANGKOK 19617 (NOTAL)

1. PARA 6 REF A ASKS FOR REPORT ON NUMBERS OF AS YET UNAPPROVED REFUGEES IN EACH CATEGORY WHO ARRIVED BEFORE JULY 1. THE REFUGEES ARE TO BE FULLY DOCUMENTED WITH VISA FALCON CLEARANCES AND RELATIVE OR EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION COMPLETED IF IN CATEGORY I OR II. THIS REQUIREMENT CHANGES EXISTING PROCEDURES FOR BOAT REFUGEES.

2. GIVEN THE RAPID TURNOVER IN BOAT CAMPS, PRE-SCREENING AND INS INTERVIEWS NOT INFREQUENTLY TAKE PLACE WITHIN A FEW DAYS OF EACH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHER. THE MAJORITY OF OUR CURRENT VISA FALCON CLEARANCES WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE IN EARLY AUGUST. WE THUS WOULD HAVE VIRTUALLY NO BOAT CASES FOR THE JULY QUOTA IF THIS REQUIREMENT WERE ENFORCED. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT A MONTH LONG DELAY IN PRESENTING BOAT CASES WOULD RESULT IN AN UNFAVORABLY RTG REACTION.

3. WE STRONGLY RECOMMENT THAT INS PRESENTATIONS NOT BE DELAYED ON

THE GROUNDS OF INCOMPLETE DOCUMENTATION. IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT THAT WE RECEIVE A VISA FALCON HIT ON AN APPROVED REFUGEE, WE WOULD PUT THE CASE ON HOLD UNTIL THE PROBLEM IS RESOLVED. IF THE CLAIMS OF RELATIONSHIP OF EMPLOYMENT PROVE FALSE, WE WILL RECOUP THE NUMBERS AS WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST.

4. THE NUMBER OF BOAT REFUGEES IN EACH CATEGORY WHO ARRIVED IN THAILAND BEFORE JULY 1 FOLLOWS:

- A. CAT I 61 PEOPLE
- B. CAT II 28 PEOPLE
- C. CAT III 125 PEOPLE (STRICT DEFINITION PER REF B)
- D. CAT IV 670

5. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. THAT THE REQUIREMENT FOR VISA FALCON CLEARANCES, AND FOR RELATIONSHIP AND EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION PRIOR TO INS INTERVIEWS OF BOAT REFUGEES BE DROPPED.

B. THAT 214 BOAT NUMBERS BE ALLOCATED DURING JULY TO THAILAND FOR CATEGORIES I, II AND III REFUGES WHO ARRIVED BEFORE JULY 1. O'DONOHUE

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